



IMPORTANT PROVISION IS STRICKEN FROM R. R. BILL

Traffic Agreement Eliminated by Both the Senate and House.

ACTION IN THE SENATE FOLLOWED A PROTRACTED CONFERENCE BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION SENATORS, WHERE IT WAS DECIDED TO STRIKE OUT THE ENTIRE PROVISION—SENATE ALSO ELIMINATES SECTION DEALING WITH COMBINATIONS.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 3.—In both the senate and house the traffic agreement provision was today stricken from the railroad bill. The senate also eliminated the section dealing with combinations of railroads. The long and short haul clause of the bill was agreed to by the house. The bill creating an art commission for Washington was passed by the senate.

On the senate floor today from the moment the session was called to order the only subject of conversation was the decision of the administration leaders to eliminate from the railroad bill the two sections relating to traffic agreements and legalizing railroad mergers.

INSURGENT VICTORY. The "insurgents" notwithstanding the announcement that the regulars claimed they would defeat the Cummins amendment before striking out the traffic agreement section, declared they will have scored a decisive victory, even though this program of those in charge of the bill is carried through.

The feeling on the floor was tense. Administration senators busied themselves with checking up their poll to be sure they had not lost any strength over night. They claimed that they still were certain of their ability to defeat the Cummins amendment to require changes of rates to be approved by the interstate commerce commission before taking effect.

Not only Mr. Dooliver, but also other "insurgent" senators were of the opinion that the senate proceedings would mark an epoch in the history of the railroad bill. The "insurgents" were divided in opinion as to the probable fate of the Cummins amendment.

Heading off a motion by Senator Elkins to lay on the table the Cummins amendment to the traffic agreement provision of the railroad bill, Senator Cummins withdrew his amendment today. Mr. Elkins then withdrew the Crawford-Elkins amendment and Senator Clay presented his amendment to strike out the entire provision. It was adopted.

Before a vote was taken several senators stated their displeasure at the program, but said they were powerless to prevent it.

CONFERENCE HELD. A protracted conference between administration senators regarding the railroad bill was adjourned at 1:45 p. m. They decided to move to table the Cummins amendment and then strike out the whole traffic agreement provision.

PRISONERS AS AN AUDIENCE

MISS GERALDINE FARRAR, AN OPERATIC STAR, SANG TO THE EIGHT HUNDRED INMATES OF ATLANTA PRISON.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., May 3.—Miss Geraldine Farrar, one of America's most brilliant operatic stars, today voluntarily appeared before an audience of 800 inmates of the Atlanta federal prison and sang a number of selections, including "Annie Laurie," "Coming Through the Rye," and an operatic number.

Great waves of applause swept over the prison auditorium at the conclusion of each song and many were moved to tears.

Special Grand Jury Ready to Probe Illinois Bribery Scandal

By Associated Press. Chicago, May 3.—Coinciding with the departure "out of town" of State Attorney Wayman, the special grand jury which is investigating charges of bribery of William Lorimer, a United States senator, adjourned until tomorrow. Two witnesses believed to be Ira D. Rawn, president of the Monon, and E. C. Field, were before the inquirers today.

One rumor had it that Wayman had gone to Springfield to confer with State Attorney Burke of San Gamon county, who has announced that a grand jury called by himself will take up the Lorimer bribery charges next



ATTORNEY GENERAL PARK TRAMMELL. He Calls upon the voters of Florida to vote against the Constitutional Convention.

President Taft Visited Among "Home Folks"

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., May 3.—A day devoted largely to renewing neighborly relations with the "home folks" was President Taft's portion here today. Except for a brief address at noon before the trustees of the Mercantile library and another short talk late in the day in the local legion, the chief executive devoted himself to shaking hands and chatting with men and women with whom he had been on intimate terms of friendship for years.

Sharing the social honors with the president was Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington.

The president, arriving at 10:25, was met at the depot by his brother, C. P.

Taft, and by city officials, who presented him with a resolution of welcome passed by the city council yesterday. From the station, a swift automobile whirled the president to the home of his brother.

A short rest at the Taft residence was followed by a trip down town to the library meeting and then the president went to meet his old Cincinnati friends and neighbors.

In the downtown district Mr. Taft walked to the Loyal Legion. Tonight he attended the opening concert of the May musical festival of Theodore Thomas, attended a brief dinner at a club and then boarded his train for St. Louis.

COL. ROOSEVELT EXPLAINS HIGH COST OF LIVING

St. Louis, May 3.—That the farms of the United States are not producing half what they should, says Secretary Wilson.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, May 3.—That the farms of the United States are not producing half what they should because of a lack of practical education among farmers, was the explanation of the high cost of living problem offered by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to the farmers' union today.

Wilson received a mixed greeting. A motion that the delegates rise when the secretary entered was voted down with cries, "He's no better than we are." When he appeared half the audience stood up and others cried: "Sit down." He was roundly applauded at the conclusion of the address, however, and presided over the remainder of the session.

MALLORY CUTS DOWN MAJORITY

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., May 3.—The Southern Railway has reduced the working period at the Carter shops in this city from 8 to 6 hours, effective yesterday. About 1,000 men are affected by the change. The Southern increased the wages of employees at these shops on April 1 and it is said that the reduction in hours is to overcome an increased pay roll in consequence of this advance. The round house force is not included in the eight hour order.

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CONVENTION SYSTEM DEPRIVES MASSES OF SELECTING OFFICERS

Atty. General, Park Trammell, Believes Voters are Competent to Select.

DEMOCRATIC VOTERS WILL BE CALLED UPON TO PASS ON THIS QUESTION ON MAY 10TH, AND HE URGES THEM TO VOTE AGAINST THE CONVENTION AND THE ATTEMPT OF A FEW TO WREST THE POWER FROM THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE.

Special to The Journal.—Tallahassee, May 3.—Upon being asked for an expression of his views as to the question which will be voted on in the primary of May 10th, to determine whether or not a Democratic state convention shall be called and held, Attorney General Park Trammell said today:

"As one who has an abiding faith in the ability of the Democratic voters of Florida, to well and wisely select their own officers, I shall take pleasure in voting against the proposition to hold a state convention and trust that those who believe likewise will not fail to record their ballots against the convention.

"As the matter presents itself to me, it is a question of whether the people are competent to nominate their own officers or do we feel that they are incompetent and think the wiser plan is to have a few men say who shall find the places of public trust.

SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE. "Should the government be of the people or should it be of a select few. If it is to be of the people, then the commonwealth's citizens should choose those upon whom is involved the administration of the affairs of state. If the sovereign people are to play no part in the affairs of government, save the burden of supporting and maintaining it, then the convention system which in its operation deprives the great mass of the voters of their voice in the selection of their officers, should prevail.

"The convention system, as a system, does not possess merit equal to that of the primary plan. The past has demonstrated that any government is safer in the hands of the many than when entrusted to the few. If there are some evils connected with the primary, then eradicate them; safeguard the purity of the ballot; but never deal a death blow to the democracy of the state and say to the sixty thousand democratic voters, you are incapable of nominating your officers. You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Whatever may be the purpose of the convention, I see no necessity for it, and as one of Florida's humble citizens I am unfavorable to the proposition."

CANNOT DO BUSINESS IN TENNESSEE AGAIN

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., May 3.—Charles T. Cates, attorney general for Tennessee, when asked today what steps would be taken by the state authorities to eliminate the Standard Oil Company from Tennessee under the recent decree of the United States supreme court in the Galatin case, replied: "We have the decree of the court and we will obey it."

The Standard Oil Company is absolutely forbidden to do any local business in this state. There is nothing to prevent that company from shipping its oils into Tennessee, but under the decree of the supreme court of the United States it can carry on no local business in Tennessee. The decree of the highest court of the country simply enforces itself."

REDUCE NUMBER WORKING HOURS

SOUTHERN RAILWAY ORDERS AN EIGHT HOUR WORK DAY AT SHOPS WHERE WAGES WERE RAISED.

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TO COLONIZE THE PATIENTS

ALL TUBERCULOSIS SUFFERERS SHOULD BE PLACED ON LARGE FARMS IN SOUTHWEST, SAYS ASSOCIATION.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 3.—Recommendations that tuberculosis patients should be colonized on large farms in the southwest where there should be at one outdoor school in every city, and that greater effort be made to see that city ordinances against spitting in public places be observed were made at the closing session today of the National Association for the Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis.

COTTON IS HELD IN NEW ORLEANS

RESTRAINING ORDER PREVENTS SHIPMENT OF COTTON ALLEGED TO BE ASSETS OF KNIGHT, YANCEY & CO.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, May 3.—Through a restraining order issued in the United States court a shipment of 1,800 bales of cotton alleged to be among the assets of the firm of Knight, Yancey & Co. has been held up at this port. The cotton had already been stowed on the steamer Ingel Fenegen, consigned to Bremen and Genoa. The restraining order was brought about by a petition which the receivers of Knight, Yancey & Co. filed today. In this petition they alleged that the original bills of lading for this cotton have been destroyed. The master of the vessel is ordered to appear in court next Friday and show why the cotton should not be seized.

BEQUEATHED AFFLICTIONS

WHITE MAN'S EDUCATED ANCESTOR HAS LEFT HIM A NUMBER NOT POSSESSED BY THE NEGRO.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 3.—The white man's educated ancestor has bequeathed him a lot of afflictions from which the negro of today is free, according to Dr. J. L. Miner of Memphis, in an address before the American Ophthalmological Society today.

A comparative study of the children in the two races showed that negro children have better average of a normal vision and fewer muscular defects.

ONLY ONE CAR RUNNING IN VINCENNES, IND.

Vincennes, Ind., May 3.—Only one street car is running in Vincennes today and only 25 fares have been rung up on its register. All the employees of the company except one engineer and two firemen at the power plant are on strike. Strike breakers from Jackson, Tenn., are operating the lone car today. Only one demonstration was made against them and that was when they tried to remove a wagon that had been set on the track by strikers and their sympathizers. The police were called.

AT LARGE FOR THREE YEARS

VICE-PRESIDENT OF HOME TELEPHONE CO. SURRENDERS AFTER BEING LOST TO LIGHT SINCE MARCH, 1907.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, May 3.—After being lost to sight since March 23, 1907, when he was indicted for bribery of supervisors, A. K. Detweiler, former vice-president of the Home Telephone Co. of California, surrendered today. He gave a bond of \$120,000.

REFORM IN PROCEDURE OF COURTS GILCHRIST'S SUBJECT



GOV. ALBERT W. GILCHRIST

WILLIAM L. WHITE SHOT AND INSTANTLY KILLED

Accident Occurred About 6 O'Clock Last Night On the Bayshore.

WAS SITTING IN HIS BOOM AND WAS EXAMINING A REVOLVER WHEN IT WAS DISCHARGED, THE BULLET ENTERING THE ABDOMINAL CAVITY AND PRODUCING ALMOST INSTANT DEATH.

William L. White, one of the best known young men of the city, was almost instantly killed at his home on the bayshore last night about 6 o'clock, when a revolver which he held in his hand was discharged, the bullet entering the abdominal cavity, a little below the heart. His wife was the only witness to the deplorable accident. She quickly notified relatives and a physician was hastily summoned, but the wounded man breathed his last just as the physician reached him.

According to a statement by his relatives last night Mr. White remained in the store of his brothers, where he was employed, until it closed for a half holiday. He then remained in the city until about 3:30 o'clock, taking a bayshore car for his home at White's station, where he had been residing during the early summer. He carried with him from the city, according to statements, the revolver which resulted in his untimely death.

TOOK UP REVOLVER. Shortly before 6 o'clock, seated in his room, he took up the revolver, which he had taken home and began carefully examining it, then tossing it about. His wife, fearing such an accident would occur that did, pleaded with him to put down the revolver, but he would not do so, and in a few minutes it had been discharged.

Mrs. White, almost prostrated, called in assistance, and in a few minutes physicians and the ambulance were on their way, but it was too late. The deceased had reached the age of 30 years, and is survived by a mother and father, wife, two little sons and a girl, five brothers and two sisters. For a number of years he was with the Keyser-Muldon Co., but about a year ago entered the employ of A. Henry White & Bro., his brothers, with whom he was associated at the time of his death.

The body was brought to the city and taken to the home of his parents, No. 44 East Gregory street. The funeral will be announced later.

WEIGHED 568 POUNDS. New York, May 3.—The funeral of William Burnnett, of Locust Valley, L. I., occurred today. He weighed 568 pounds. A large metallic coffin was necessary and it took twelve pallbearers to carry the casket in and out of the church.

SPECTACULAR FLIGHT. Atlanta, Ga., May 3.—The aviation exhibition here closed today with a spectacular cross country flight by Chas. K. Hamilton in a biplane. The aeronaut went to Jonesville and returned, a distance of sixteen miles, in 18 minutes. An automobile meet begins Thursday.

CARTER KILLED BY WALSHINGHAM

YOUNG MEN OF PROMINENT FAMILIES FIGHT WITH FATAL RESULTS—WALSINGHAM IS UNDER ARREST.

Chipley, May 3.—Joel L. Carter, a young man, died at Warsaw this morning at 4 o'clock as the result of a blow over the head, delivered yesterday at 11 o'clock by R. L. Walsingham.

At the time of the killing, John Walsingham, father of R. L. Walsingham, and a brother of Carter, were engaged in an altercation and Joel Carter attempted to interfere and it is claimed R. L. Walsingham brained him with a piece of iron piping, inflicting a mortal wound from which he died this morning at 4 o'clock. Both parties were young men of prominent families in Washington county. Carter only married about four months ago, while Walsingham has a wife and one small child.

EXPRESS RATES ORDERED DOWN

FLORIDA RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDERS THAT RATES ON ALL CLASSES OF EXPRESS BE REDUCED BETWEEN FLORIDA POINTS.

Special to The Journal. Tallahassee, May 3.—The Florida railroad commission issued its order today reducing all classes of express between points in Florida. This work has been nearly a year in preparation and is quite voluminous.

Jeffries in Fine Shape Says He Will Whip Jack Johnson

By Associated Press. Ben Lomond, Cal., May 3.—"I'm going to be disappointed, but I feel it in my bones I'll win. I'm going to be like a greyhound if I have no bad luck while training. At the rate I'm going I'll go into the ring at 215 pounds. Talk about being fast! I'll carry Johnson along at a clip that will make his head swim."

Splendid Address Delivered by Florida's Chief Executive at the Beach.

FAVORS REFORM IN COURT SYSTEM WHICH WILL LESSEN DEPLORABLE DELAYS IN ADMINISTRATION OF LAW—TOUCHES UPON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE STATE AND PAYS A COMPLIMENT TO THE VETERAN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN.

Governor Gilchrist was guest of honor and the principal speaker at the annual celebration and picnic of the Pensacola Volunteer Veteran Firemen's Association yesterday. In his address to the large throng which had gathered at the picnic grounds, the governor made appropriate reference and complimentary allusions to the history of the occasion and the history of the Veteran Firemen's Association, expressing warm approval of the sentiment which prompted these annual celebrations.

Taking the ground that on such festive occasions it was well to combine solid, substantial food with luxuries, and that the minds as well as the bodies of patriotic citizens craved nourishment, the governor invited attention to two momentous subjects, upon which members of the next legislature will be called to vote. Reminding his audience that the constitution makes it the duty of the governor "to upon which members of the next legislature at each regular session information concerning the condition of the state and recommend such measures as may be deemed expedient," the governor expressed his desire to have the views of the citizens so crystallized, and expressed that their representatives will be in position to faithfully reflect those views when voting as legislators.

LAW'S DEPLORABLE DELAYS. As the first of these topics, the governor spoke earnestly in favor of the movement of securing a reform in the procedure of our courts of law, which would materially lessen the deplorable delays in the administration of civil and criminal law, and greatly reduce the present practice of deciding cases upon mere technicalities which do not reach to the merits of the case. The governor's plea for relief from the baneful effects of the present system of Due Process of Law, which has grown up in the courts, followed the lines of his recent notable address to the Florida

WANT PLACE IN NICARAGUA

CENTRAL AMERICAN COURT OF JUSTICE CALLS UPON WARRING FACTIONS AND DECLARES AN ARMISTICE FOR EIGHT DAYS.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 3.—A strong effort is being made to bring about peace in Central America. The department has been informed that the Central American court of justice in Costa Rica has unanimously passed a resolution to the leaders of the warring factions urging them to declare an armistice of eight days with a view to an agreement through a justice of the court looking to the establishment of peace.

Secretary Knox has telegraphed the court congratulations on its stand and hopes the idea may succeed.

HIGH SCORES ARE MADE AT COLUMBUS

By Associated Press. Columbus, Ga., May 3.—The southern handicap tournament began here today and unusually high scores were made. C. M. Powers, an amateur of Decatur, Ill., out of a possible two hundred targets broke 196. R. A. King, of Denver, was a close second with 195.

"Jeffries is getting garrulous," was the comment of the camp. And there was cause for the remark, for as a rule Jeffries is as taciturn as a pedagogue with the mumps. Nevertheless his attendants were highly pleased. "He feels it or he wouldn't say it," they said. With his back healed, his blood in good condition and only a bit of stiffness remaining in his shoulders and which he gradually is eliminating by a daily row on the river, Jeffries is showing much zest now for hard training and the month of May will likely see severe and unremitting work at Ben Lomond.